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REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-11, and 34-55 are pending in this application. At the outset, the courtesies extended by the Examiner throughout the personal interview conducted on August 24, 2005 and the telephonic interview conducted on October 19, 2005 are appreciated.

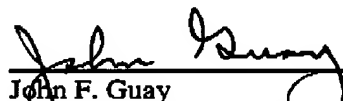
During the personal interview of August 24th, the undersigned and the Examiner discussed the pending rejections of the independent claims and possible amendments to place the application in condition for allowance. In the telephonic interview of October 19th, the Examiner indicated to the undersigned that claims 1, 7, 34, and 48, as presently amended herein, would overcome all pending rejections and place the application in condition for immediate allowance.

With respect to the formal matters raised during the telephonic interview of October 19th, Applicants hereby submit a replacement Abstract as requested by the Examiner. It is respectfully submitted that this amended abstract addresses the concerns expressed by the Examiner during the interview.

As all objections and rejections in the Office Action have been addressed, this application is in condition for immediate allowance, and prompt notification of the same is earnestly sought.

Respectfully submitted,

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